Doc Approved for use through 07/31/2006. OMB 0651-0031

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

PTO/SB/21 (09-04)

FORM  MAY 0 1 2007 BE TO THE PROPERTY OF USE OF USE OF USE OF THE PROPERTY OF			Application Number	r	10/722,968	
			Filing Date		November 26, 2003	
			First Named Invento	or		
WEA O J SIAM, SE			Art Unit		1617	
to be used to all correspondence after initial filing)			Examiner Name		Williams, Leonard M.	
Total Number of Pages in This Submission 3			Attorney Docket Nu	ımber	25629/16	
ENCLOSURES (Check all that apply)						
Fee Transmittal Form Fee Attached Amendment / Reply After Final Affidavits/dec Extension of Time Re Express Abandonmen Information Disclosure Certified Copy of Prio Document(s) Response to Missing Incomplete Application	Peti Peti Pro Charation(s)  Equest  Ten Request  E Statement  Drity  Remarks	ition Ition to visiona ver of A ange of minal I quest fo	related Papers Convert to a al Application Attorney, Revocation f Correspondence Addre	-	After Allowance Communication to TC  Appeal Communication to Board of Appeals and Interferences  Appeal Communication to TC (Appeal Notice, Brief, Reply Brief)  Proprietary Information  Status Letter  Other Enclosure(s) (please identify below):  Response to Restriction Requirement (2pgs.) Return Receipt postcard.	
Reply to Miss 37 CFR 1.52	sing Parts under or 1.53					
SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT						
Firm Name Brown Rudnick Berlack Israels LLP - Customer No. 21710						
Signature						
Printed name Anthony H. Handal						
Date April 27, 2007			F	Reg. No.	26,275	
CERTIFICATE OF TRANSMISSION/MAILING						
I hereby certify that this correspondence is being facsimile transmitted to the USPTO or deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on the						
Signature Enu P. Cura;						
Typed or printed name Bonnie S. Crespi				Date	April 27, 2007	

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.5. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.11 and 1.14. This collection is estimated to 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.



Attorney Docket No.: 25629/16

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT(S):

Li Ding

EXAMINER: Williams, Leonard M.

**APPLICATION NO.: 10/722,968** 

ART UNIT:

1617

FILED:

November 26, 2003

CONF. NO.:

9003

FOR:

Density-Controlled Particulate Suspensions For Food Stuff,

Cosmetic Pharmaceutical And Other Uses

## **CERTIFICATE OF MAILING**

I hereby certify that this paper (along with any paper referred to as being attached or enclosed) is being deposited with the United States Postal Service on the date shown below with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on:

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

## RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

## Dear Examiner:

This is in response to the Restriction Requirement dated April 2, 2007.

Applicant's attorney hereby elects group II, claims 26-42 drawn to a method of preparing density-controlled beads, classified in class 426, subclass 578. Such election is made with traverse.

The Examiner is respectfully urged to examine all of the claims in this application. Both the method and composition of matter claims require the same field of search and, accordingly, examination in one application is proper.

While composition of matter claims 1-25 have the format of a claim of composition of matter, they specifically recite the inclusion of an active agent for density control, namely, the density-reducing agent within the particle. Other claims speak of the quantity of density reducing agent being sufficient to permit the particles to be uniformly and stably dispersed in a liquid medium. Thus, these claims substantively cover method type limitations. Moreover, the limitations of the composition of matter claims generally follow limitations in the method claims. Accordingly, no further search is required.

The applicant's attorney believes that no fees are required with this filing. However, The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any necessary fees in connection with this filing to deposit account 50-0369, Docket No. 25629/16, Customer No. 21710.

Dated: April 27, 2007

Respectfully submitted,

Anthony H. Handal

Reg. No. 26,275

Attorney for Applicant(s)

Brown Rudnick Berlack Israels LLP One Financial Center, Box IP

Boston, MA 02111 Tel: (617) 856-8349

Fax: 617-856-8201

Email: ip@brownrudnick.com

#8159148